

# Lampasas River Watershed Partnership Newsletter

## February 2016

Texas A&M AgriLife Research

### At A Glance

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#### Partnership Meeting

- ✓ February 25
- ✓ 6 to 8 p.m.
- ✓ Farm Bureau Office
- ✓ Lampasas, TX

#### Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program

- ✓ March 3
- ✓ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ✓ Farm Bureau Office
- ✓ Lampasas, TX

## Partnership News

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying this New Year! We are trying to make our newsletters a little more exciting, so please let us know how you feel about the new format. It's hard to believe that 2015 is wrapped up and in the books and we are moving on to 2016. November 2015 marked the 5 year anniversary of the formation of the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership. Thank you to those who are still giving of their time and expertise to help improve water quality in the Lampasas River and its tributaries. And a big 'Welcome' to those of you that may be new to our Partnership. There are several upcoming programs that you may find of interest in and around the watershed. Please feel free to share this information with your neighbors and anyone you think might be interested in these programs.

### Lampasas River Watershed Partnership Meeting

A Partnership meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lampasas County Farm Bureau Building located at 1793 N. U.S. Hwy 281. We will be discussing the progress made in implementing the watershed protection plan over the last year. A meeting agenda is included with this newsletter.

Jacki Bakker, the District Technician for the Hill Country Soil and Water Conservation District, will be discussing the

assistance available to landowners for the development and implementation of water quality management plans in the watershed. These plans provide technical and financial assistance for landowners to place conservation practices on range and farmland. The funding for this effort is provided by a Clean Water Act Section 319(h) grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Josh Helcel, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Associate, will also be on hand to discuss the resources available to local landowners for feral hog management and control within the watershed. Mr. Helcel is based in Burnet County and provides educational and technical resources for landowners dealing with feral hog problems. You may check out his website <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu/> for more information.





## Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program

We are excited to partner with the Texas Water Resources Institute to offer a new program in the watershed. A Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program will be held March 3 in Lampasas.

The workshop is co-presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Temple, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in [Lampasas County](#) and the Lampasas Watershed Partnership.

The workshop's morning session will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Texas Farm Bureau, 1793 N. U.S. Highway 281. The afternoon session will include a walk and presentations along the Sulphur Creek.



The workshop will focus on the nature and function of stream and riparian zones, as well as the benefits and economic impacts from proper functioning riparian systems. Topics will include riparian and watershed management principles, water quality, riparian vegetation, hindrances to healthy riparian areas, stream processes, management practices and discussion of local resources.

There will be useful information on riparian and watershed processes, as well as the benefits of healthy riparian and what resources are available to reduce degradation and improve water quality.

Presentations will be given by representatives of the Texas Water Resources Institute, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, AgriLife Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

Attendees must RSVP by Feb. 26 by calling 979-458-5915 or emailing [n-dictson@tamu.edu](mailto:n-dictson@tamu.edu) or online at <http://texasriparian.org/trainings>. A catered box lunch from Subway is available for \$10 or attendees may bring their own lunch. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

The workshop offers several types of continuing education units, including three units — two general and one integrated pest management — for Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide license holders. It offers one unit from the Texas Water Resources Institute, six hours from the Texas Forestry Association, four hours from the Society of American Foresters and six hours for Texas Nutrient Management Planning specialists. The program may also be used for continuing education units for professional engineers.

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